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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2001 (Office Action), Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Antisense molecules, antibodies, antagonists or inhibitors (including proteins, peptides, oligopeptides or organic molecules capable of compromising or modulating HJAK2 expression) may also be used for therapeutic purposes, for example, in neutralizing the aberrant activity of a HJAK2 associated with, for example, inflammation or oncogenesis. The present invention also provides for pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of disease states associated with aberrant expression of hjak2 comprising the aforementioned antisense molecules, antibodies, antagonists or inhibitors.